

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
OF
CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS
FOR
IRELAND.

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REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS MAJESTY,

1. We, the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, appointed under an Act passed in the 7th and 8th years of your Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the more effectual Application of Charitable Donations and Bequests in Ireland," humbly beg leave to submit to your Majesty this our Thirty-sixth Annual Report.

2. Since our last Report 29 meetings have been summoned, and of these 27 have been effectual. We have made 241 orders in various matters affecting charities and charity property, besides providing for the regular issue of the sums payable to the charities under our control.

3. It became necessary to institute legal proceedings in several cases, and the amount of our solicitor's costs for the past year was £289 14s., of which £9 18s. 3d. is chargeable upon the vote, the remainder being provided for out of the various charity funds.

4. The Exchequer continues to receive from us £41 18s. 4d., being the annual dividend on an old endowment, from private sources, placed in the hands of the late Board in 1815, "to assist them in recovering embezzled charities;" this is not required for that purpose, so long as costs incurred, and not otherwise realized, are paid out of the Parliamentary vote.

5. Under the ninth section of the Charitable Donations and Bequests Act (Ireland), 1867, trustees continue to lodge with us funds for charitable purposes, with a view to relieve themselves from further responsibility, as well as better to insure the safety of the fund, and save the expense of appointing new trustees from time to time. The endowments so transferred are upon trusts of a varied nature, as will appear from the list in Schedule No. 3, part 4. Thus, within the past year, we have received sums for the poor of several localities, for different almshouses, for the promotion of Irish fisheries, for a Scholarship in the Royal Irish Academy of Music, for St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, for the promotion of the Scriptures in Galway, for a meat dinner in a school, for decayed housekeepers in Lurgan, and for comforts for widows in St. Andrew's parish, Dublin.

In these and similar cases the fund is not administered by us, but is remitted to the persons duly charged with its application.

In addition to the voluntary transfers by trustees of funds left for charitable purposes, which are each year increasing in number and amount, the Court of Chancery, in several cases in which the funds were in Court, has directed their transfer to us.

In Robert Sharland's Charity, on a petition by the trustees, the fund, consisting of £2,259 7s. 2d., New Three per Cent. Stock, was ordered to be transferred to us. Similar orders were made in A. McComas's Charity respecting a sum of £555 4s. 8d., like stock. In A. M. Fitzgerald's, respecting a sum of £503 0s. 2d., like stock, and £81 10s. 6d., cash, and in Thomas Wadding's Charity, respecting a sum of £2,099 7s. 7d. of like stock. The dividends on each of these sums are sent to local trustees or administrators for distribution by them.

6. Several schemes have been framed by us for the better management of charities, and application has been made for the sanction of the Court for such as could not be framed without that authority.

In Crofton's Charity, a school at Ashford, county Wicklow, having been built in a position where it could not well be attended by the children for which the testatrix designed it, another site has been procured, the original schoolhouse with two acres of land has been sold, and a school will soon be opened in a new and improved position.

In Jackson's Charity, by some slight alterations in the regulations of a small Almshouse, which no longer had any inmates, the trustees have been enabled to give the benefit of the endowment to two widows.

In Hannah Williams' Charity, the income having increased so as to leave a surplus of £50 a year, after providing for the various charitable objects as directed by the testatrix, a scheme has been authorized by the Court making that sum available for enlarging the allowance to widows and for the improvement of an orphanage.

An endowment was left by Sir Richard Hansard's Will, dated in 1619, of £50 a year, Irish, for a school at Lifford; but for some years it had become impracticable to carry on that school in consequence of the dilapidated state of the buildings, and the want of funds for its adequate maintenance. The trustees therefore applied to have the endowment transferred to the trustees of the Prior Endowed Schools, which have been recently erected at Lifford on a large scale, and with considerable resources. A scheme has been framed for the purpose, on the terms that they will afford the same educational facilities, and for the same class of pupils as have hitherto been given in the Hansard School.

The trustees of an endowment for a school in the county Kildare, under the Will of Mr. P. Hewitson, dated so far back as 1770, having laid before us a statement showing that the site of the school indicated by the testator had, from lapse of time and change of circumstances, become so inconvenient that it was no longer practicable to carry on the school there, we petitioned the Court of Chancery to sanction the change to a more eligible site, granted gratuitously by one of the trustees, and for authority to the trustees to erect a new school-house upon it, at a cost of about £700, towards which the trustee above referred to also contributed £300. A scheme has been framed and confirmed by the Court authorizing the change sought for. A commodious schoolhouse has been erected on the new site, which is near the village of Clane, and the trustees expect to have it ready for opening in a few weeks. The object of this endowment is the education of Protestant boys, partly as boarders and partly as day pupils, and the net annual income is about £430.

7. The proceedings originated in the Court of Chancery for bringing into operation the large endowment of the late General Lord Blayney, for the establishment of Almshouses in the town of Castleblayney, referred to in previous Reports, have terminated. Under an Order of the Court a sum of £19,893 16s. 6d., New Three per Cent. Stock, and £391 0s. 5d. cash has been transferred to us by the Accountant-General. Trustees of the real estate have been appointed; a commodious building has been erected, and provision has been made for the fitting up and furnishing of it, and it is expected that within a few weeks the institution will be open for the reception of inmates. These are to be poor inhabitants of either sex, of the town of Castleblayney, of good character, and to be selected without reference to creed, and except under special circumstances, they are to be sixty years of age or upwards. The number of inmates is to be twenty, each of whom is to receive an allowance in cash of £3 10s. a month, besides a free apartment, and a liberal allowance of coal.

Under the scheme for the administration of this important charity we are authorized, when necessary, to send down one of our secretaries to make an inspection of the institution, and to report as to its condition and management. We are also empowered to appoint an independent auditor to make an annual audit of the accounts of the trustees.

8. Our last Report referred to the authority conferred on us by the General Prisons, Ireland, Act (1877), to order the application of the various donations and bequests, originally intended for the relief of Poor Debtor Prisoners, to such other charitable purposes as we might consider best. During the past year we have given much consideration to this subject, and we decided that the most advantageous application of the funds would be in assisting deserving and needy prisoners (especially females), without religious distinction, on their release from prison. The Prisons Act provided for the formation of Prisoners' Aid Societies, and it appeared to us desirable to select the agencies of such of these societies as had been recognised and approved of by a certificate from the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, as likely to be the most effective organization for administering these funds. When the subject was first considered, however, no society of the kind had been certified in Dublin, and we prepared and published a provisional scheme under which we proposed, as a temporary arrangement, to confide to the General Prisons Board the distribution of these funds to enable them to supplement the grants which the statute authorized them to make to prisoners on their release. The publication of these provisional schemes led to the formation of a society for the aid of discharged Roman Catholic female prisoners, which has since been duly certified, and which made application

to us for a portion of the funds under our control. This led to the reconsideration of the original scheme, and being of opinion that females, on their discharge from prison, were the class most urgently needing assistance, we decided on allocating for their benefit two-thirds of the funds which had accumulated in our hands, and the same proportion of the annual income produced from the various Poor Debtors Charities. Statistics were laid before us, showing that much the largest number of persons sentenced to imprisonment professed the Roman Catholic religion, and we, therefore, allocated to them three-fourths of the fund. The Society above referred to has accordingly received the proportion properly applicable to Roman Catholic female prisoners.

9. In more than one of our previous Reports we referred to the liberal endowment of the late Mr. Thomas Charlton, amounting to about £800 a year, for providing marriage portions for the sons and daughters of day labourers in the counties of Meath and Longford. This endowment continues to be administered by the Court of Chancery under an amended scheme framed in 1877. The only part we take in its administration is that our solicitor has the carriage of the proceedings, and it is his duty to bring each year under the notice of the Lord Chancellor the applications of the various parties claiming to be entitled to the benefits of the fund, with a view to their being examined and scrutinised. In our previous Reports we adverted to what we considered to be defects in the working of this charity, but this year our solicitor in a special Report directed our attention to matters of the gravest moment in connexion with the charity, and which went to the very root of its proper administration. The scheme of the Court requires each claimant for a marriage portion to forward a Statutable Declaration that both the contracting parties are within the prescribed limits of age, and that they are the sons or daughters of day labourers. It further requires them to produce a certificate that their marriage had been legally contracted. (The Report of our solicitor called attention to the fact that out of 95 certificates from claimants in the county of Longford, no fewer than 47 bore strong intrinsic evidence that they were not genuine. There was also well-grounded suspicion that many of the Statutable Declarations made by claimants were untrue as to the facts deposed to in them. On receiving this Report we directed our solicitor to bring the particulars of the case under the attention of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, with a view to his Lordship's directions being taken. This was accordingly done, and his Lordship ordered the facts to be brought under the notice of the Irish Government. The result has been that your Majesty's Attorney-General has directed prosecutions against the various parties charged. It is to be hoped that the steps already taken, and the publicity given to these grave attempts to defraud the charity in the present year, will deter all parties concerned from similar practices in future.

By this decision the number of admitted claimants on the surplus income from the county of Longford has been reduced from 95 to 42, while the number of those whose claims, after strict investigation, have been admitted from the county of Meath, has been 48. The total number of claims admitted for the present year from both counties is 100, and in accordance with the principles laid down by the scheme of the Court of Chancery out of this number 10 who have fulfilled the original conditions of the Testator's will, will each receive £25, while to each of the remaining 90 a sum of £3 or £9 will be paid.

As a contrast to the foregoing, the endowment of Mr. Roger Palmer, of Rush, may be referred to, one already mentioned in previous Reports. Its object is to provide marriage portions for poor girls in the town of Rush and the immediate neighbourhood. Great care is shown by the clergymen of the parish in selecting proper cases, and though the scheme of the Court of Chancery authorizes the selection of ten women, it has been found to confer a more substantial advantage on the recipients of the charity to confine the number to five. Each of these receives a sum of £18 14s. 7d., which by the terms of the Will is paid to them in the month of May of each year. The benefits of this charity are not limited to persons of any particular religious denomination, but in practice none but Roman Catholics have hitherto claimed its benefit. It may be remarked that all the recipients of the fund for the present year, for the first time, were able to sign their names to the receipts.

There is a further endowment for marriage portions under the Will of Mr. Louis Chappelliers dated in 1784, the benefits of which are intended to be given every second year to the daughter of a poor tradesman or farmer in Kilkenny, when a deserving recipient has been found. In the present year one portion of £36 9s. has been paid.

Under an Order of the Court of Chancery made in 1877 a sum of £2,134 13s. 6d. consols was transferred to us, the dividends on which are remitted to the Committee of the Newry Protestant Orphan Society. This endowment was founded under the Will

of Mr. Joseph Kinsey to provide marriage portions of £30 each for any orphan, male or female, brought up in the orphanage of the Society and who may marry a Protestant of the Episcopal Church of Ireland.

10. The late Anne, Countess Dowager of Ormonde, by her Will made in 1825, had left £1,000, the interest on which was to be expended every Christmas in the purchase of clothing for poor inhabitants of the Castlecomer estate. The principal fund having been misapplied, we instituted proceedings in 1876 for its recovery. The entire amount has now been fully repaid by instalments, with interest and costs, and the dividend will henceforth be transmitted each year for the purpose intended by the testatrix.

An endowment was founded in 1738, by Mrs. Drelincourt, widow of the then late Dean of Armagh, consisting of an annuity of £122 Irish, for the benefit of a charity school at Armagh, and of the Reformed French Congregation in Dublin. Three years of the income having fallen into arrear, the amount due has been paid to us upon serving notice of our intention to take legal proceedings. In the same manner we have recovered £100 Irish, with four and a half years' interest, due to the Primitive Wesleyan Society.

Legal proceedings were instituted for the purpose of securing the sum of £1,135, being portion of a fund intended for carrying out the objects of a society known as "The Priests Protection Society." It appeared that this had been applied to other objects, which, though of a charitable nature, were not within the scope of the trusts for which the society had been originally formed. Under a Decree of the Court of Chancery the full amount, with interest, was lodged in Court, as well as the remainder of the trust fund, consisting of £3,606 8s. 9d. new three per cent. stock. Both sums have been ordered to be transferred to us.

11. Since the passing of the Statutes of 1867 and 1871 the necessity for actual legal proceedings to enforce payment of withheld bequests has diminished. This may be attributed, in a great degree, to the system of publication of bequests in the newspapers required by those Acts, and explained in our previous Reports. Bequests are thus made known in the locality where they should be applied, and amongst those who are specially interested in seeing them faithfully carried out. In case of delay or non-payment, where complaints are made by local parties, the official communications addressed to executors or other parties by our secretaries almost invariably result in the bequests being paid, or in satisfactory explanations being given. The number of advertisements of Charitable Bequests recorded in our books up to this date is 3,381, but this by no means represents the number of cases which have been brought under our notice, as we have frequently exercised our power of exemption from publication where the aggregate amount left for charitable purposes has been small, and where, by the production of vouchers, proof was given that the bequests had been paid.

12. The Commissioners for inquiring into Endowed Schools in Ireland, applied to us from time to time for information with reference to educational endowments which had come under our cognizance since 1857, up to which date similar returns had been completed by a former Commission. Our Secretaries, with our full approval, furnished all documents and facts in their power which appeared likely to be of use to the Commissioners.

In the case of Peter Bertrand's charity our Agent was examined, without any notice to us, and without sufficient time to enable him to prepare himself to reply accurately from memory to a close examination into many minute details extending back over a period of several years, and with some of which he could not be expected to have been conversant.

A mistaken impression was naturally created on the minds of the Commissioners by evidence so unprepared. Our Secretaries therefore called the attention of the Commissioners to these errors, and claimed the right of being examined by them on every point. We authorized our Secretaries to lay before the Commission all minutes and documents calculated to throw light on the management of the charity property. Accordingly the Commissioners attended in our Board-room, and had the fullest opportunity of examining our minutes and correspondences showing the details of our management of this and other charities.

The Commissioners in their Report seem to be mistaken in some points which we desire to correct. As to the amount to be allowed for deductions of Poor Rate, they state that we directed our Agent to continue to allow the full poundage, instead of the proportionate share under the 75th Section of the Act 1 & 2 Vict., Cap. 56. This is not accurate. The instructions given to our agent were—"That while in cases in which he might find it impracticable, or very difficult, to carry out the proportionate

system, he was at liberty to follow the practice adopted in the office of the Church Temporalities Commissioners, and the office of the Pembroke Estate, yet in all cases in which the proportions of allowance can be readily ascertained, he should proceed on that principle."

A reply given by one of our Secretaries on this subject, in the course of a lengthened examination, was also misunderstood, for the Commissioners inferred from it that the adoption of this course might involve a loss approaching to five per cent. on the whole income of the charity. Such is not the fact. The entire of the Poor Rate deductions very little exceeds five per cent. of the whole income—being in fact five and one forty-fifth per cent; and the difference caused by this system of calculation might roughly have been guessed at five per cent. of these deductions, not five per cent. of the whole income.

In practice, however, the difference is still less important. From the circumstances of the property, and the fact that the middlemen have generally sublet at less than the valuation, the loss, as far as can be ascertained by the nearest practicable calculation of our Agent, would be but a few shillings on a Rental of £1,020 7s. 1d.

It was suggested in the examination, as well as by the Report, that the land should have been let in small lots, without the intervention of builders or capitalists, as Middlemen, and that a much larger income might thus have been realised for the charity. This had been frequently and carefully considered by us, but we found such a course not generally practicable, for the reason given by our Secretary in his answer 16,615—

"We were glad to get people like builders with capital to improve the property. In fact, the land was a waste common, and before it could be let in lots it was necessary to construct roads and sewers; and for this the Board had no funds. There was therefore no alternative but to let it to a capitalist who would undertake the work."

At that time, so far from having capital to expend, the charity was still heavily in debt. Its income is now in a flourishing and secure position, and the Governors of the Orphan School have been able to increase the number of Boarders, from 15 to 22.

13. In our last Report reference was made to the case of Dr. Jeremy Hall, who, by his will dated so far back as 1687, had left some house property in Limerick to endow a school with £30 a year Irish, and the rest of the income, amounting to about £135 a year, to be employed for an Almshouse, a loan fund, and for the relief of Poor Debtors in Prison. In the lapse of time some of the branches of this charity could no longer be adequately carried out, and we therefore had instituted proceedings, and have obtained from the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice a decision that the school should be discontinued, and that its annuity, as well as the Loan and Poor Debtors Funds, should be used for the better maintenance of the Almshouse. By this consolidation of the various sources of income one substantial institution will be substituted for several, which the want of funds, and change of circumstances, had rendered wholly inefficient.

The funds which had been impressed with distinct trusts, and which therefore could not be applied by us to the desirable object of effecting repairs, and maintaining that decaying charity property, are now made available for these purposes. A sum of £154 was expended during last summer in repairing and adapting as an almshouse, the building previously used as both a school-house and almshouse. The overseers were invited to recommend how the balance, about £390, can be expended with most advantage to the charity property, but have not as yet agreed on any plan.

The Endowed Schools Commissioners having received some evidence in Limerick as to the management of this property, which our Secretaries considered inaccurate and misleading, they, with our approval, claimed the right of being examined; and accordingly gave the Commissioners all the information in their power.

The only material result of the investigation may be conveyed in the terms used by us in our last Report—

"In the lapse of two centuries the resources of the charity have continuously diminished. The houses are situated in a locality formerly occupied by a better class, but now only by the poorest; and such a property is necessarily of a kind that must deteriorate, especially where there is no fund available for repairs."

In fact so far back as 1838, seven years before this property passed into our possession, the houses were in such a condition that some were taken down as nuisances, and others presented as dangerous.

The scheme sanctioned by the Court will henceforth enable us to lessen this deterioration to some extent.

14. The history of Hall's Charity illustrates the suggestion made in our Thirty-third

Report, that some more elastic power should exist of remoulding Bequests of ancient dates. While respecting, and as much as possible preserving, the general intentions of founders, such details of administration might be modified as, by lapse of time, have become unsuitable; and which, though not legally "impracticable," no longer carry out efficiently the objects the founders had in view. In this case the sub-division of a small income amongst several branches, which may all have been capable of being carried out with advantage at the time of the testator's death, now, after the lapse of two centuries, destroyed the efficiency of all.

15. The Charity accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended December 31, 1879, were duly audited and declared as correct by the Auditor appointed for that purpose by the Local Government Board. The accounts for the year ended December 31, 1880, have been prepared and submitted for audit in conformity with said Order.

16. Accounts of the sum voted by Parliament have been regularly furnished by us, in accordance with the forms adopted under the direction of the Treasury, and the provisions of the "Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866;" and our Appropriation Account for the year ending March 31, 1880, has been certified to be correct by the Auditor-General of Public Accounts.

17. The total amount of the trust funds which were under our care and control in cash, and vested in Government and other securities, on the 31st December last, as well as the annual amount of rents and annuities under our control, will be found set forth in the second Schedule.

All which we submit as our Report, in testimony thereof have caused our corporate seal to be hereto affixed, this 13th day of July, 1881.

Present when seal affixed:

THE RIGHT HON. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS.
THE REV. W. B. KIRKPATRICK, D.D.
THE VERY REV. J. WEST, DEAN OF ST.
PATRICK'S.
JONATHAN PIM, Esq.
THE RIGHT HONORABLE JUDGE FLANAGAN.
THE HONORABLE JUDGE TOWNSHEND.

Commissioners.

SEAL.

HERCULES MACDONNELL,
WILLIAM GERONON,

Secretaries.

APPENDIX TO THE THIRTY-SIXTH REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS
FOR IRELAND.

SCHEDULES.

NAMES OF COMMISSIONERS AND ORDER AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT :

The Right Honorable the MASTER of the ROLLS,	} <i>ex-officio</i> ,	{	13 January, 1870.
The Right Honorable the LORD CHIEF BARON,			23 February, 1874.
The Right Honorable MR. JUSTICE FITZGERALD,	.	.	14 February, 1861.
The Reverend W. B. KIRKPATRICK, D.D.,	.	.	21 March, 1862.
The Very Reverend J. WARR, Dean of St. Patrick's,	.	.	16 January, 1865.
JONATHAN FIM, Esq.,	.	.	17 January, 1865.
His Grace the LORD ARCHBISHOP of DUBLIN,	.	.	12 January, 1865.
The Right Honorable the LORD CHANCELLOR,	.	.	1 June, 1866.
The Right Honorable JUDGE FLANNAGAN,	.	.	14 January, 1871.
The Honorable JUDGE TOWNSEND,	.	.	14 February, 1872.
The Right Honorable WILLIAM HENRY FORD CORAN,	.	.	15 February, 1878.
The Right Honorable LORD EXLEY,	.	.	2 December, 1878.
JAMES ROBINSON, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law,	.	.	24 April, 1880.

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

Return of the
Meetings of the
Commissioners of
Charitable Donations
and Bequests for
Ireland, from the
14th July, 1880.

RETURN of the Meetings of the Commissioners from the 7th July, 1880, the dates thereof, and the Commissioners present at each Meeting up to the present time.

7th July, 1880.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Fim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Flannagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

3rd November, 1880.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Fim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Mr. Justice Fitzgerald.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

10th November, 1880.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D., in the Chair, which was afterwards taken by the Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

17th November, 1880.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Fim, Esq.
His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin.
The Right Honorable Judge Flannagan.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

24th November, 1880.

The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Flannagan.

*. * Another Commissioner having attended, no Board business could be transacted.

APPENDIX.

SESSIONS No. 1.

Return of the
Meetings of the
Commissioners of
Charitable Donations
and Requests for
Ireland, from the
7th July, 1880.

1st December, 1880.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Right Honorable Mr. Justice Fitzgerald.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Finn, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

8th December, 1880.

The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's in the Chair, which was
wards taken by The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

15th December, 1880.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
The Right Honorable W. H. F. Cogran.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

12th January, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Finn, Esq.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

19th January, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Right Honorable Lord Emly.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

26th January, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

2nd February, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Finn, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

9th February, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Right Honorable Mr. Justice Fitzgerald.
Jonathan Finn, Esq.
The Right Honorable Lord Emly.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

16th February, 1881.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D., in the Chair, which was after-
wards taken by The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Sergeant-at-Law.

23rd February, 1881.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D. in the Chair, which was after-
wards taken by The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Finn, Esq.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

2nd March, 1881.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D. in the Chair.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
The Right Honorable W. H. F. Cogran.

9th March, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
Jonathan Pim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.

16th March, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
Jonathan Pim, Esq.

* * And no other Commissioner being attended, no Board business could be transacted.

23rd March, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
Jonathan Pim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
The Right Honorable Lord Emly.

20th April, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
Jonathan Pim, Esq.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

27th April, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable the Lord Chancellor.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
The Right Honorable Lord Emly.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

4th May, 1881.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D., in the Chair, which was afterwards taken by The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

11th May, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
Jonathan Pim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

18th May, 1881.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D. in the Chair, which was afterwards taken by The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

8th June, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

15th June, 1881.

The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's in the Chair, which was afterwards taken by Jonathan Pim, Esq.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

22nd June, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Right Honorable Judge Finnegan.
James Robinson, Esq., Q.C., Serjeant-at-Law.

APPENDIX.

SCHEME No.

Return of the
Meetings of the
Commissioners of
Charitable Donations
and Requests for
Ireland, from the
1th July, 1880.

APPENDIX.

29th June, 1881.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

Return of the
Meetings of the
Commissioners of
Charitable Donations
and Bequests for
Ireland, since the
7th July, 1880.

The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D., in the Chair, which was afterwards taken by The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

6th July, 1881.

The Right Honorable the Master of the Rolls in the Chair.
The Very Reverend the Dean of St. Patrick's.
The Reverend W. B. Kirkpatrick, D.D.
The Right Honorable Judge Flanagan.
The Honorable Judge Townsend.

SCHEDULE No. 2.

Return of the
Amount of Govern-
ment Stock, Securi-
ties, and other
property vested in
the Commissioners.

RETURN of Amount of Government Stock standing to the credit of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, in the Books of the Bank of Ireland on 31st December, 1880.

New 3 per Cent. Stock,	£173,955 19 11
3 per Cent. Consols,	96,718 13 1

RETURN of Debentures deposited in the Bank of Ireland, the property of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

	£	s.	d.
One Ballast Office Debenture for	33	6	2
A Mortgage upon the county of	46	3	1
of Dublin Rates for	46	3	1
£18412s. 3d., bearing interest at 3 per cent. in place of	46	3	1
One Ballingarry Loan Fund Debenture for	100	0	0
Twenty ditto ditto for	440	0	0

RETURN of various other Securities, the property of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage to secure principal sum,	4,750	1	7
50 Shares, Mountmellick Gas Company, of £5 each,	250	0	0
Stock of Great Northern Railway Company,	1,000	0	0
4½ per Cent. Preference Stock, Waterford and Limerick Railway,	500	0	0
4 per Cent. Do., Do.,	250	0	0
4 per Cent. Debenture Stock of Great Southern and Western Railway,	2,405	0	0
4 per Cent. Perpetual Preferential Stock of Great Southern and Western Railway,	312	5	9
Stock of Great Northern and Western Railway,	700	0	0
Stock of Dublin Steam-packet Company,	150	0	0
Bank of Ireland Stock,	212	6	6
Irish 4 per Cent. Stock,	1,189	16	0
Debenture Stock, Great Northern Railway,	50	0	0
Grand Canal Company Stock,	150	0	0
Turnpike Debentures (valued),	2,500	0	0
Fund in the name of the Commissioners v. Lill, the interest on which is ordered to be paid to the Commissioners, Government New 3 per Cent. Stock,	4,399	3	1
Fund in the name of Mansfield v. Attorney-General, the interest on which is similarly payable to the Commissioners, Government New 3 per Cent. Stock,	1,864	10	11
The interest on 9 Waterford bridge Debentures is also payable in this charity.			
Fund in the name of M'Cormick v. Pattee, the interest on which is similarly payable to the Commissioners, Government New 3 per Cent. Stock,	3,309	7	10

Rents and Annuities received by the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland, £2,533 18 6

SCHEDULE of Sums placed under the Guardianship of the Commissioners, in pursuance of 30 & 31 Vict. chap. 54, and 34 & 35 Vict. chap. 102.

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE No. 5.

Showing the Sums placed under the Guardianship of the Commissioners since the passing of 30 & 31 Vict., c. 54.

Donor or Testator.	Charity.	Government New 5 per Cent. Stock.	Other Securities and Cash.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Fletcher, A. J.	Poor of Derryaghly,	537 1 7	
Burke, Joseph,	Roman Catholic Blind Asylum,	250 0 0	
Ditto,	Roman Catholic Deaf and Dumb Asylum,	250 0 0	
Ditto,	Mater Misericordie Hospital,	500 0 0	
Ditto,	St. Vincent's Hospital,	500 0 0	
McCrabb, Wm.	Poor of Killea at Christmas,	300 0 0	
Berrett, Jacob,	Poor of Armagh at Christmas,	530 5 2	
Athlison, Edward,	Poor of Kilmore (amount secured by a Mortgage),	—	640 0 0
Roberts, Thomas,	Protestant Church School of Mountmellick,	—	250 0 0
Austin, Joseph,	Fifty Shares in Mountmellick Gas Company, of £5 each,	—	250 0 0
Bell, Mrs. Catherine,	Bread to be distributed every Christmas by the Rector and Parish Priest, Cork,	48 16 7	
O'Connell, M. A.	Poor of Drumahaire (Raphoe),	136 17 2	
Murphy, Robert,	Dispensary, Monroon,	75 6 10	
Ditto,	Sunday School, Talaght,	80 0 10	
Roe, Rev. Peter,	Poor of Parish, do.	80 0 8	
Ditto,	Poorhouse, Lee's-lane, Kilkenny,	217 2 4	
Jackins, Mary,	Bread for Poor Protestants, do.	217 2 3	
Ditto,	Miss Miller for life, and afterwards to poor of Yonghal. Stock of Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company,	—	500 0 0
Cott, Nicholas,	Poor of Yonghal. Stock of Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company,	—	500 0 0
Austin, Joseph,	Clothing poor children, Obanallin—10 Preference Shares of Waterford and Limerick Railway,	—	500 0 0
French, Ahlerrnan J.	And New Three,	2,000 0 0	
Tierman, John,	Bread to be distributed by Rector and Parish Priest, Cork, at Christmas,	—	6 0 0
Levinge, Sir R.	an annual sum of	—	*12 18 6
Hall, Ann,	Protestant Poor of four parishes in Cork, and two in Banden, county Cork, annually, in January,	—	
Richardson, J. S.	Poor of Rathkenny, county Meath,	326 4 5	
Rosslyn, J.	Schools, Calverstown, county Kildare,	—	†1,100 0 0
Masters, William,	Do. Do. Do. cash,	—	943 2 7
Phaire, R. W.,	Tonants in Roscommon and Fermanagh, for Seeds,	—	400 0 0
Goss, Mrs.	Fanning Institution, Waterford:—Stock Great Southern and Western Railway,	—	1,000 0 0
Ryan, Eliza,	Greenock Hospital and Shandon School, Cork,	200 0 0	50 0 0
Stewart, Dr. William,	Schools at Templecorbin and	—	40 0 0
Moore, James,	Monart,	—	25 0 0
Vardon, Michael,	Clergyman's Widows in Diocese of Coadry,	—	250 16 4
Ross, Mrs.	of Coadry,	—	36 18 6
Boulter, Primrose,	Schoolmaster of Cloonmaine School,	103 19 1	
Gibbs, George,	Indigent Roomkeepers of Derryaghly,	55 2 11	
Jane Etchingham,	Poor of Coleraine,	270 2 11	
Elisabeth Smith,	Poor of Cooley, county Lenth,	270 15 9	
Viscount Lorton,	Poor of Limerick and Ashkatan,	807 2 3	
Kingston, Helena,	Curator's Widows of Diocese of Armagh,	3,215 4 8	
Cresson, of,	Poor of Sandymount,	—	†150 0 0
Frew, Major,	For Poor,	214 18 0	
Sharpe, John,	Alms House, Church Bormons, and Poor School in Cork,	4,407 5 3	
Hall, Grace,	Poor of Ardara and Co. of Roscommon,	—	†74 11 7
	Poor of Mirlstown, Kilkenny and Ballyporeen,	505 10 8	
	To the Poor of Killiney, at Christmas, by the Parochial Authorities,	510 1 8	
	Protestant School, Ramoon,	279 1 4	
	Poor House Keepers, Ramoon,	—	
	Grease Hall School,	661 9 6	

* Annually. † Perpetual. ‡ Single. § Weekly. ¶ Quarterly. †† Annually. ‡‡ Quarterly. §§ Weekly. ¶¶ Annually. ††† Annually. ‡‡‡ Quarterly. §§§ Weekly. ¶¶¶ Annually.

Schedule—continued.

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE No. 2.

Showing the Sums placed under the Guardianship of the Commissioners since the passing of 80 & 81 Vict., c. 54.

Donor or Testator.	Charity.	Government New 3 per Cent. Stock.			Other Securities and Cash.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
West, Rev. S., . . .	Clerk and Sexton of Killough Church, . . .	—	—	—	*23	0	0
Cordell, Dr., . . .	Fanning Institution, Waterford, . . .	—	—	—	1185	0	0
Adams, —, . . .	Poor of Duncormack, county Wexford, . . .	—	—	—	1188	8	5
Sandee, G., . . .	Poor of Mountmellick, . . .	—	—	—	*9	15	10
Jackson, E., . . .	Monaghan Charitable School, . . .	—	—	—	45	10	9
Chetwode, —, . . .	Apprenticing Protestant boys, co. Meath, . . .	2,431	14	11	543	8	3
Rev. T. Mullan, . . .	Poor of Droon and Inch, . . .	54	1	2	*144	7	8
Comar, Daniel, . . .	Fanning Institution, Waterford, . . .	—	—	—	1475	0	0
Jackson, Margaret, . . .	Monaghan Poor, . . .	210	4	3	—	—	—
Douglas, A., . . .	Grace Hall School, . . .	260	6	11	—	—	—
Coddington, Isabelle, . . .	Bethesda Female Orphan School, . . .	229	7	3	—	—	—
DeBarnacourt, Baroness	Poor on Estate of Testatrix in Meath and Kildare, . . .	23	6	2	—	—	—
Smyth, Samuel, . . .	Protestant Poor of Lower Cumber Parish, . . .	63	7	4	—	—	—
Dunphy, J., . . .	Charitable Purposes, . . .	—	—	—	*23	10	0
Keefe, J., . . .	Poor of Parish of Modeligo, . . .	—	—	—	170	0	0
Thompson, Jane, . . .	Protestant Poor of Parish of Templemore, . . .	—	—	—	*112	13	0
Mcenagh, J., . . .	Residence for Minister of Methodist Chapel in Wexley-place, Belfast, . . .	—	—	—	*70	0	0
Loggins, J., . . .	Widows' Almshouse, St. James's Parish, . . .	—	—	—	*351	4	0
Berwick, Harriet M., . . .	Convalescent Home, Sulliborgan, . . .	764	10	3	*70	1	4
Ingram, John, . . .	Five Schools in Co. Down, . . .	—	—	—	*1,000	0	0
Pepper, George, . . .	Clothing and Firing for Poor of Jullans-town Parish, Co. Meath, . . .	123	12	1	*1	16	7

SCHEDULE No. 3, Part II, showing the Sums received since 10th July, 1878.

Lawless, Rev. T., . . .	Roman Catholic Poor of Kilklaghton, . . .	200	0	0	—	—	—
Horan and Weckes, . . .	Dublin Trinitarian Bible Society, . . .	307	1	7	*5	7	10
Lord, Cork and Rev. W. C. Nelligan, . . .	Parochial School of St. Mary's, Shandon, . . .	—	—	—	*45	0	0
M'Evoy, J., . . .	Schooling of Boys of all religious denominations, in the demesne of Mountjoy Forest, . . .	282	6	6	—	—	—
Atkinson, Richard, . . .	Warm clothing for Poor of Parishes of St. Nicholas Without, St. Luke, and St. James, at Christmas, . . .	—	—	—	1550	0	0
Glendinning, T. V., . . .	Protestant Poor of Westport, . . .	210	3	10	—	—	—
Thompson, Jane, . . .	Widows' Home, St. Paul's Parish, . . .	313	16	8	—	—	—
Jackson, John, . . .	Presbyterian Minister of Carrull, . . .	333	6	8	—	—	—
Douglas, Charity, . . .	School near Lurgan, . . .	—	—	—	*250	0	0
Kinsley, Joseph, . . .	Newry Protestant Orphan Society, Marriages Foreign Charity, . . .	—	—	—	1134	13	6
Gleggy Widows' Fond, Dublin, . . .	Widows of Clergymen of Protestant Church in Diocese of Dublin, . . .	—	—	—	1312	5	9
Cotter, Katharine, . . .	Poor of Parishes of St. Paul, the Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and St. Finian Barr, Cork, . . .	—	—	—	*306	18	6
Finglas Poor, . . .	Finglas Parish Poor, . . .	—	—	—	*28	16	6
Finglas School, . . .	Finglas Parish School, . . .	—	—	—	*2379	1	2
Powell, —, . . .	Poor Debtors, . . .	—	—	—	*9	5	5
Jackson, Margaret, . . .	"Richard Jackson's Monaghan Charitable School," . . .	—	—	—	510	0	0
Anne Vigors and Matilda Derriary, . . .	Poor of Parish of Old Leighlin without religious distinction, . . .	508	11	5	—	—	—
Archdeacon Power, . . .	Poor of Lismore, . . .	—	—	—	*282	8	0
Richard Cave, . . .	Deaf and Dumb School, . . .	414	17	4	*146	7	6
Anne Wakley, . . .							
Barbara Sankey, . . .							

* Cash. † Debiture Stock of Great Southern and Western Railway.
 ‡ Government Consols. § Annuity. ¶ Debt Charge.
 †† Consols. ‡‡ Poor per cent. Preference Stock of Waterford and Kimerick Railway.
 ††† Poor per cent. Preference Stock of Great Southern and Western Railway.

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE No. 3, Part III, showing the Sums received since 24th July, 1879.

SCHEDULE No. 3.

Showing the Sums placed under the Guardianship of the Commissioners since the passing of 20 & 21 Vict., c. 54

Donor or Testator.	Charity.	Government New 3 per Cent. Stock.	Other Securities and Cash.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Corbett, E.,	Minister of the Presbyterian Congregation of Fisherswick-place Church, Belfast, for Charitable Purposes.	—	*100 0 0
Vandeleur, R. J. O.,	Scholarships in the Royal Irish Academy of Music.	4,063 12 11	—
Dawson, Very Rev. J. Vesey.	Clothing for Poor of Galtrim Parish, co. Meath, at Christmas.	92 8 0	—
O'Grady, Elizabeth, Robinson Memorial Benefvolent Fund Society,	St. Joseph's Night Refuge, Brickfield-lane, Female Professors of Music in Ireland.	—	*3,100 0 0
—	Fanning Institution, Waterford, Subscriptions of Life Governors invested for.	520 9 11	—
Stephens, Johanna,	Fanning's Charitable Institution, Waterford.	—	†21 9 8
Noble, Jane,	Twelve Poor Women, Parish of Remory, Diocese of Clogher, at Christmas.	—	*100 0 0
Swanzy, John,	Protestant Poor of Parish of Clontarf, co. Monaghan.	—	*50 0 0
Marshall, John H.,	Crippy Episcopal Church.	—	*92 6 2
Ottier, Katharina,	Poor of Parishes of St. Paul, the Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and St. Finn Barr, Cork.	—	*50 0 0
Presbyterian Church, York-street, Belfast,	Church and School in Clifton-street, Belfast.	—	†4 10 10
Presbyterian Church, Jarvis-street, Dublin,	Church for Presbyterian Congregation.	—	*900 0 0
Quinlan, James,	Education of Kindred of Testator in the Roman Catholic College, Carlow.	—	*2250 0 0
Debtors' Friend Society,	Poor Debtors within the City Liberties and County of Dublin.	—	†2713 17 2
		1,540 2 3	*27 6 10
			*21 12 9

SCHEDULE No. 3, Part IV, showing the Sums received since 7th July, 1880.

Donor or Testator.	Charity.	Government New 3 per Cent. Stock.	Other Securities and Cash.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
M'Veigh, Joseph,	Deceased Housekeepers of the town of Lurgan.	—	*382 0 0
Fitzgerald, Mary Anne,	Poor of Cellbridge.	503 0 2	*81 10 6
M'Comas, Archibald,	Promotion of Irish Fisheries.	551 12 3	—
Atkinson, Richard,	Warm Clothing and Christmas Comforts for Widows of St. Andrew's Parish, Dublin.	200 0 0	*8 16 0
Bellow, S. L.,	St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin.	—	*8 13 9
Palkner, E. N.,	For Reclaiming Fallen Women.	56 12 5	*4 1 1
Jackson, Richard and Margaret,	Poor of Monaghan.	—	†16 0 0
—	Poor of Clontarf.	—	†16 0 0
—	Poor Widows, Monaghan.	—	†5 0 0
Wedding, Thomas,	Alms-houses in Carrick-co-Suir.	2,099 7 7	—
Marley, Esther,	Promotion of the Word of God amongst the Poor of the Parish of Annadown, county Galway.	—	†144 14 11
Lewis, Arthur Gamble,	Meat Dinner for Poor Children of Ballymore Church School.	—	†105 15 5
Sherland, Robert,	Alms Houses at Annahilt, county Down.	2,259 7 2	*18 15 11
Blaney, Leod,	Castleblayney Alms Houses.	19,896 16 8	*291 0 5
Vandeleur, R. J. O.,	Scholarships in the Royal Irish Academy of Music.	—	*36 4 10
O'Grady, Elizabeth,	St. Joseph's Night Refuge, Brickfield-lane.	—	*93 7 6
Beyron, Michael and Downes, Robert,	Poor Brothers and Brothers' Widows of the Corporation of Fethard.	—	†150 0 0
Fogarty, Richard,	Poor of Parish of Bruff at Christmas.	—	*400 6 0
Borchell, Henrietta,	Primitive Wesleyan Methodist Society.	—	*116 2 11
Fanning, J.,	Charitable Institution, Waterford, Subscriptions of Life Governors.	—	†10 12 8
Crafton, M. A.,	Endowment for a Protestant School near Ashford, Co. Wicklow.	—	*155 0 0

* Cash.

† Current.

‡ Annually.

§ Bank of Ireland Stock.

|| Grand Canal Company's Stock.

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